

Public Defender Integrated Computer System**FY2003 Request: \$175,000**
Reference No: 35827**AP/AL:** Appropriation**Project Type:** Planning**Category:** Law and Justice**Location:** Statewide**Contact:** Dan Spencer**Election District:** Statewide**Contact Phone:** (907)465-5655**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2002 - 06/30/2005**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

The Public Defender Agency needs to become integrated with the technology and systems of the other state agencies in the criminal justice process. The sharing of information electronically will greatly improve the operations of a cumbersome, information-laden system. The Public Defender Agency is the only agency that will not have access to all the information readily available to the other participants. Without such access, as the rest of the state criminal justice agencies share information and become more efficient, the Public Defender will grind the entire process to a halt.

Funding:

	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	Total
Gen Fund	\$175,000						\$175,000
Total:	\$175,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$175,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phased Project	<input type="checkbox"/> On-Going Project
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Total Operating Impact:	0	0
One-Time Startup Costs:	0	
Additional Estimated Annual O&M:	0	0

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:

This project has received no prior year funding.

Plan for Integrated Computer Systems

The Alaska Court System and Departments of Law, Public Safety, Corrections, Health and Social Services, the Anchorage Police Department all are members of the Criminal Justice Information Advisory Board. Each of these entities has invested a significant amount of time and resources in their criminal justice information systems. As a group they* have been coordinating to make sure the systems are compatible statewide and with each other. Public Safety is in the middle of redesigning APSIN. The DOC will implement their new system, Informix, by this fall. The Court System issued an RFP for completely new civil and criminal case management systems in May and expects to be operational statewide within one and one half years. The Department of Law has CRIMES up and running in six offices by this fall. The Division of Juvenile Justice expects to have its new system (JOMIS) on line in October. The DMV and the Department of Public Safety are participating in WIN (Western Identification Network) to make drivers' license and booking photos available electronically.

In the criminal justice process, the sharing of information electronically will greatly improve the operations of a cumbersome, information-laden system. The PDA is the only agency that will not have access to all the information readily available to all of the other participants. The Public Defender Agency needs to plan to become integrated with the technology and systems of the other state agencies in order to avoid duplication of data entry and the massive photocopying of case information. This will not only expedite the processing of cases, it will also be much cheaper. Orders of appointment can be sent electronically by the Court. Discovery can be sent electronically by APD and the DA's Office. Court scheduling and verification of records will be instantaneous.

This is in essence a planning request. We need the expertise to study the now almost completely implemented systems going on-line, to assess what it would take for PDA to become functional within these new systems, and to develop a plan and RFP to become an integrated participant. Without such planning, as the rest of the state criminal justice agencies share information and become more efficient, the Public Defender will grind the entire process to a halt by being forced to rely on outmoded paper distributions of information, endless copying and unnecessary repetitive data entry.

*Although not an official member of the organization, the PDA attends meetings and has a representative on the CJIAB Administrative Subgroup. Larry Walsh of ITG represents the DOA.